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SUBJ: EXDIR TOLBA'S PROPOSALS RE FUTURE PLEDGING TO
ENVIRONMENT FUND

1. AT THE MEETING WITH PERMREPS ON JULY 15, AT WHICH HE
RAISED ISSUE OF SPECIAL SESSION OF GC (SEE SEPTTEL),
EXDIR TOLBA STATED THAT HE WAS IN THE PROCESS OF DRAFTING
WITH BRUCE STEDMAN A LETTER TO MEMBERS OF THE GC RAISING
THE QUESTION OF FUTURE LEVEL OF ENVIRONMENT FUND
BEYOND FIRST FIVE-YEAR PERIOD. TOLBA STATED THAT HE
THOUGHT THE FUND SHOULD LEVEL OFF AT 100 MILLION DOLLARS
AT 1972 VALUE OVER A FIVE-YEAR PERIOD. HE FAVORED PLEDGES
FOR A DEFINITE PERIOD OF TIME, EITHER ANOTHER FIVE-YEAR
PERIOD OR TO COVER THE PERIOD OF THE MID-TERM PLAN. HE
DID NOT THINK HE WOULD AGREE TO A MID-TERM PLAN UNLESS THERE
WAS CERTAINTY OF THE RECEIPT OF THE RESOURCES TO CARRY IT
OUT. HE HOPED TO BE ABLE TO SEND A LETTER TO GOVERNMENTS
SUGGESTING THESE ALTERNATIVES PRIOR TO HIS DEPARTURE
FROM NAIROBI JULY 17. WHEN HE ASKED FOR
OTHER OPTIONS, U.S. PERMREP SUGGESTED TYING COMMITMENTS
TO A REASONABLE ANNUAL RATE OF PERFORMANCE BY THE ORGANI-
ZATION AND RECALLED THAT THE QUESTION OF THE FUTURE PROGRAM
LEVEL WOULD BE A MAJOR ITEM AT GC-V.

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2. IN INTRODUCING THIS ITEM, TOLBA INDICATED THAT HE WAS MUCH MORE RELAXED ABOUT THE ABILITY OF THE ORGANIZATION TO MEET ITS COMMITMENTS FOR 1976 AND TO ENTER 1977 WITH A SURPLUS BUT THAT HE WAS WORRIED ABOUT THE AMOUNT OF RESOURCES THAT WOULD BE AVAILABLE IN 1977. HE REFERRED TO THE SOME 6 MILLION DOLLARS IN RUBLES WHICH HE WOULD HAVE ON HAND AND ABOUT WHICH HE COULD DO VERY LITTLE IN 1976. HE INDICATED THAT DISCUSSIONS WITH THE SOVIETS WERE CONTINUING AND THAT PERHAPS GREATER UTILIZATION OF THE RUBLES WOULD BE POSSIBLE IN 1977 ALTHOUGH HE REITERATED THAT HE DID NOT INTEND TO TAILOR THE PROGRAM FOR THE PURPOSE OF UTILIZING RUBLES.
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